GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BENEFICIARIES OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has amended guidelines of various rural development programmes/ schemes and made it compulsory that 15% of the beneficiaries should be drawn from the minority communities;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes/schemes for which the guidelines have been amended indicating the amendments made in each of them;

(c) whether any additional allocations have been made for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Three programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development viz.

(i) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

(ii) Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) and

(iii) Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) have been identified for earmarking of 15% of the resources at the National Level for the benefit of the Minority communities living below the poverty line. State-wise targets have been fixed on the basis of ratio of BPL Minority Communities in the States/UTs. State wise physical targets for SGSY, and physical and financial targets for IAY have been fixed. In the case of SGRY keeping in view the present allocation criteria to Districts, Intermediate Panchayat and Gram Panchayats, 15% of funds allotted for district level and intermediate Panchayat level have been earmarked for works benefiting the Minority Community at each district level, wherever this programme is in operation. The guidelines of these schemes have been suitably amended so as to incorporate the benefits to those of the Minority Communities in the Monthly Progress Reports of the respective programmes.

(c) & (d) No Sir. The earmarking of funds has been made from the normal allocation made for these programmes.